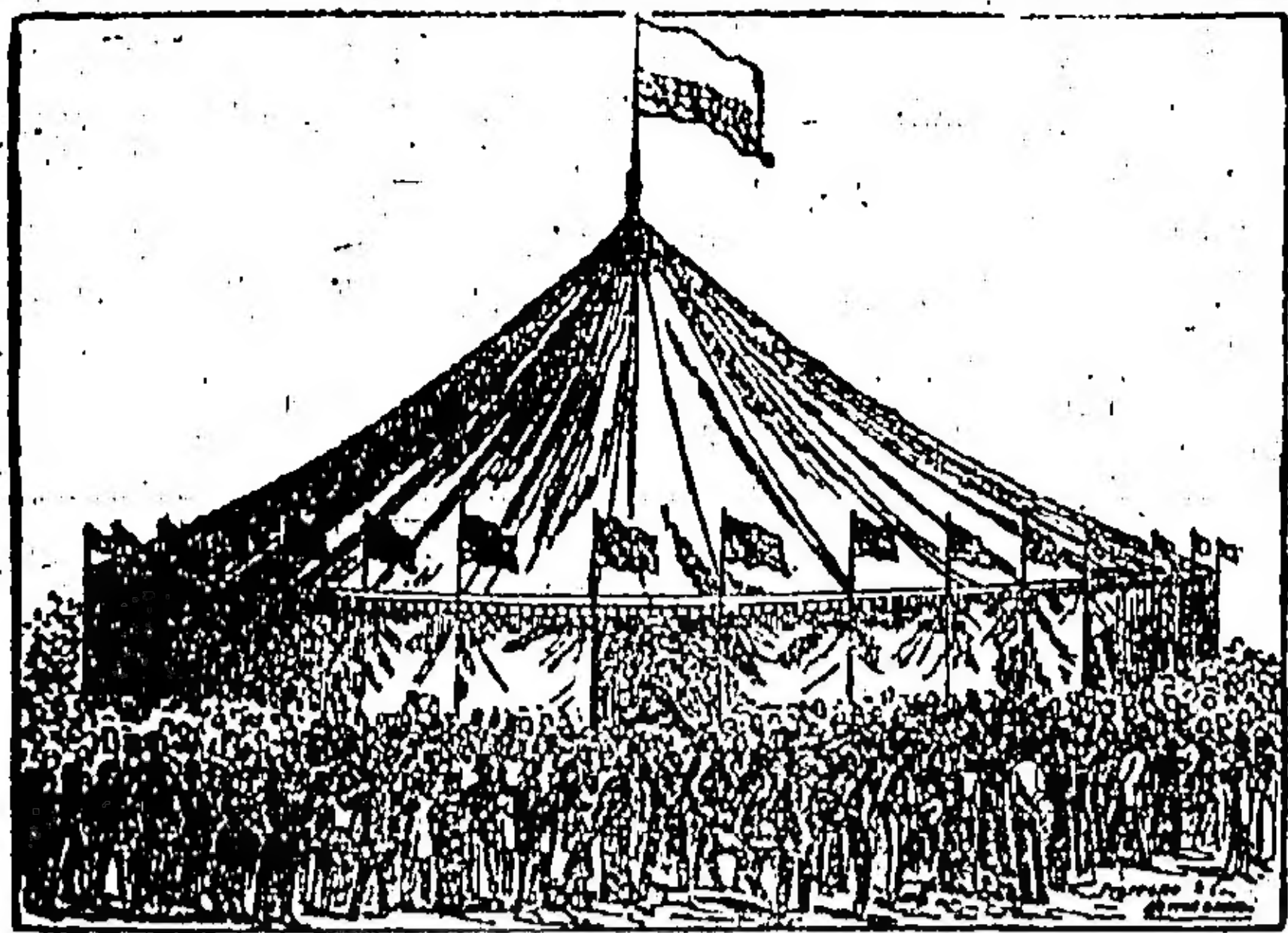


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NOTE:—Owing to the necessarily limited number of Box Seats, patrons are urged to book at the earliest opportunity.

GEORGE WARREN,
Proprietor.
W. FLEUWER,
General Representative.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1900.

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NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP NUMBER 812 for 3 SHARES of the Company, numbered 13474 (1421, in the name of WILLIAM MONARCH BURNESIDE ARTHUR, Esquire, of Hongkong, having been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will be issued after One Month from the date hereof and the Original Scrip will be considered by the Company as null and void, and all persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating same.

SHIEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1900.

GERMAN SCHOOL.
THE SUMMER TERM will commence on MONDAY, the 23rd instant, etc. There are a few vacancies, and parents desiring to send their children will please communicate with the undersigned.

PAUL BREWSTER, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1900.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAKATA MARU" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 17th instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on TUESDAY, the 17th instant, and FRIDAY, the 20th instant, both days at 10 A.M.

All claims must reach us before the 9th instant, or they will not be recognised.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1900.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 1900.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

CASUALTIES AT REDDERSBURG; ENEMY IN GREAT FORCE.

LONDON, APRIL 7th.

The casualties at Reddersburg were two officers killed, two wounded and nine missing. Eight men killed, thirty-three wounded and the remainder captured.

The strength of the enemy was 3,200 with 5 guns, that of the British 571.

THE FREE STATE.

INTIMIDATING THE FREE STATERS.

It is believed that the extreme activity of the Boers, round and southward of Bloemfontein, is somewhat of the nature of a native raid for the purpose of terrorizing the Free Staters who have submitted.

The troops have been withdrawn from Rouxville to Beestekraal. The Boers are all round Rouxville.

THE MILITARY SITUATION.

BOERS ACTIVE.

LONDON, APRIL 8th.

The Military situation is regarded as bewildering. The army at Bloemfontein appears to be immobile, while a force of the enemy, estimated at 12,000 at least, of which Olivier's Commando is the nucleus is scouring the country far to the southward and overpowering or threatening our outlying posts. The formation of a town guard at Aliwal north indicates that a fresh invasion is possible.

SERIOUS NEWS FROM SWAZILAND AND THE GOLD COAST.

SWAZILAND.

The condition of Swaziland is frightful. The Queen's impis are butchering obnoxious chiefs, wholesale.

FRANCE AND THE WAR.

EXCITEMENT IN PARIS.

There are many Frenchmen among General Methuen's prisoners which, together with the death of General Villebois is causing much excitement in Paris.

THE GOLD COAST.

Serious news from Ashanti says that all the tribes are in arms.

LATER.

THE FREE STATE.

The Boers from the waterworks have attacked our outposts at Springfield.

THE RECENT CAPTURE OF FIVE COMPANIES.

The five Companies recently captured near Reddersburg were marching across the country to Smithfield when they were surprised. They defended themselves gallantly but the Boer guns forced them to surrender.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—On the 10th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has risen on the E. coast of China, fallen elsewhere. The depression has probably moved Eastwards into W. Japan. Gradients slight for N.E. winds on the E. coast of China, and for S. winds on the S. coast. FORECAST:—Light or moderate S. winds; fair.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE U. S. Monitor *Monterey* is now in the harbour, she arrived yesterday evening.

H.M. Torpedo-destroyer *Whiting*, went out this morning to Mirs Bay, to tow targets for the *Centurion*, the two ships returned to port at about 2 p.m.

ALTHOUGH the delivery of the French Mail was begun yesterday at 4.45 p.m., we may say, for the information of the Acting Postmaster General, that it was 9.45 this morning before letters for this office were delivered.

THE Post Office will be closed on Good Friday, 13th inst., except from 8 to 9 a.m., on Saturday, 14th inst., except from 7 to 11.30 a.m., and on Easter Monday, 16th inst., except from 8 to 9 a.m. The Night Box will be left open. The Money Order office will be entirely closed for the three days.

ONE of the most extraordinary features of the South African war is noted in the fact that while President Steyn of the Orange Free State is in arms against Great Britain his wife is residing at Aberdeen, Scotland, with relatives. It was also stated just before war was declared that President Steyn transferred all of his private fortune to the care of a London banker and the statement has never been challenged.

It is difficult to impress upon the Chinese the importance of reporting cases of infectious disease, and cases are frequently brought up at the Magistracy in consequence. This morning a Chinese doctor was fined \$20 for offending in this respect. He attended a woman who resided at 147, Market Street, from the 18th March to March 25th, and in the meantime told her husband that she was suffering from small-pox. A post mortem examination proved this.

A NANKING dispatch to a Shanghai contemporary states that acting Viceroy Lu Ch'un-shan of that city intends to make a general inspection of the forts and troops stationed in the Yangtze Valley within his jurisdiction, and that he has set the 13th instant as the date when he will leave his *Yamen* for his proposed tour. Previous to that he will take three days to inspect and review the forts and troops stationed in and around Nanking city, namely, from the 11th to the 13th instant, inclusive.

THE *Pail Mall Gazette* of March 8th, commenting on the transportation of Cronje and other Boer prisoners to St. Helena, says that it has been objected to by the Admiralty, on account of guardships being required to watch the island. The *P. M.* says that Lord Loch has given notice to Lord Lansdowne of a question on the subject. It also expresses a hope that "the Bonaparte of Boerdom will not be afflicted with the boredom of Bonaparte," should St. Helena be decided on as Cronje's residence.

THE Chinese are proverbially careless as regards fire, and accidents are constantly occurring amongst them that by a little precaution might be averted. One such affair took place the other day at Woosung on board a sailing vessel engaged in government patrol work. She had on her lower deck a lot of powder, "to kill robbers with," as a Shanghai reporter was informed. Several of the crew were smoking below, and the result was a terrific explosion. Six of the sailors were badly burnt about the hands and face, and they were all taken to the Shantung Road Hospital, Shanghai, where they are now on a fair way to recovery.

M. GASTON LERICHE, speaking of the complaints as to the rise of the cost of living in Cochin-China, thinks this is due to the fact that the Asiatic portion of the population is stationary, causing the production of the country to be stationary also. He says:—"When we treat the Chinese as men, and not as beasts of burden, they will flock into the colony in hundreds of thousands and the produce of the soil will soon be increased a hundred-fold." We should hardly have thought that the population of any part of the Celestial Empire being stationary was any cause for regret. At any rate, that is not the reason of the high prices in Hongkong.

SPEAKING of the recent Bunder Abbas affair in the Persian Gulf, the *Indian and Eastern Engineer* says:—"If we look round the coaling stations, from Aden as far as Japan, we find that the control of the coal without which a modern fleet is an empty sham, lies in the control of Britain, Colombo, Singapore and Hongkong. Of course, it is impossible to say what modification a development of the undoubtedly great Chinese mineral resources may have in the future, and as far as Japan is concerned, she of course has her own independent sources of supply, and will, in fact, at the present rate of progress, hold command of the sea in the Far East within a measurable period, unless the British China Squadrons are to be most materially reinforced."

A MEETING of the Legislative Council will be held on Wednesday, 11th April, at 3 p.m.

BUSINESS.

1. Report of the Finance Committee. (No. 6.)
2. Questions, by the Hon. T. H. Whitehead.
(1) Does the Government, in view of the fact that a large area of recently cut soil is exposed all round the building, consider it safe to send boys into the "Bellios Reformatory" at Causeway Bay at any time within the next two years?
(2) Will the Government before sending any boys into the Reformatory obtain a detailed medical report as to the sanitary condition of the surroundings of the Reformatory?

ORDER OF THE DAY.

First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to validate and legalize the proceedings of the Legislative Council of this Colony during the time that Mr. Arthur Winslet Brewin illegally sat as a member of such Council, under an invalid provisional appointment.

In a recent issue, the *Standard and Diggers' News* says:—"The reported assurance of the Czar that nothing will be done by Russia to embarrass Great Britain 'under the present circumstances' bears the mark of tainted origin. The *Times* St. Petersburg correspondent probably well knows how to please his masters in Printing-house-square, and one is compelled, knowing the 'Thunderer's' predilections in the matter of the Transvaal, to accept the cable with all reserve. Its wording, moreover, is singular. 'Under the present circumstances'—i.e., the invasion of British territory—are not circumstances; perhaps, in which Russia would feel justified in interfering, but should the Federal force decide to retire within their own borders, then, even according to *The Times* man on the Neva, presumably Russia would bestir herself. There is another aspect of the situation also, which may be overlooked by the cursory reader. The Czar, as is well known, is not by any means his own master in high matters of State. The military bureaucracy has always held the upper hand, and in the present state of health it is not likely that 'Little Father' would be able to resist for long any determined attempt to force his hand with respect to taking the initiative against British aggression, not, perhaps, so much in South Africa, as on points of attack of the British Empire in Eastern Asia."

THE Tennis match between the Cricket Club and the L. R. C. will be played on Wednesday, commencing at 3 p.m. The Hongkong Regiment Band will be in attendance.

WE note that Mr. Lazarus, the Oculist-Optician, is leaving Hongkong in a few days, so that people requiring his assistance and special skill, should not delay, it may be some long time before he again visits us. He will be at his old address till his departure from Hongkong.

TELEGRAMS TO ILOILO, BAGOLOD AND CEBU.

The manager of the Joint Telegraph Coys. courteously informs us that telegraphic communication with the above-mentioned places is interrupted owing to the failure of the Manila-Iloilo cable.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

FIELD BATTERY.

The Field Battery held their third competition for the Bellios Cup on the 8th inst. The following are the ten best scores.

Gunner	Lapsley	Humphreys	Sergt. Dr. Brown	Corpl. White	Gunner Sayer	" Grey	" Pidgeon	" Stewart	" Alves A.A.	Bomb. Henderson
31	32	31	32	31	32	31	32	31	32	31
100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

SHOOTING.

H.E.V.C.

A MACHINE GUN CO.

The first shoot for the new Cups took place on the 8th inst. resulting in a win for Gunner W. J. Mayson with a total of 95 points.

Gunner	Mayson	Major Snythe	Lammert	Bomb. King	Gunner Wodehouse	Hursthouse
23	32	30	25	27	25	21
85	95	85	85	85	85	85

THE PLAGUE.

Cases reported to 9th instant	29
Do. do. during past 24 hours	2
Total	31

Deaths reported to 9th instant	28
Do. do. during past 24 hours	1
Total	29

IMPORT DUTIES.

A SURPRISING STATEMENT.

It was reported in local mandarin circles yesterday, says the *N. C. D. News* of instant, that Their Excellencies Sheng and Nien—the latter formerly Provincial Treasurer at Soochow—in conjunction with Sir Robert Hart have succeeded in obtaining Sir Claude Macdonald's consent to an addition of 7% *ad valorem* to the duty on foreign imports, making the future duty 12% in all. Further that the duty on opium will remain as before, as also duties on Chinese goods.

THE YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

The following in the report for presentation to the Tenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, to be held at the offices of the Association, No. 26, The Bund, Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 19th April, 1900, at 4 o'clock p.m. precisely.

The Board of Directors have now the pleasure to submit to the shareholders the annual Report and audited statement of accounts and balance sheet to the 30th December, 1899.

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1899, AND FORMER YEARS.

This account shows a credit balance of \$163,121.92, against \$122,000.86 on the 31st December, 1898. The directors recommend the payment of a dividend to shareholders of 20% out of this account. The account will then stand as follows:—
Dividend of 20% (\$12 per share) \$ 96,000.00
Balance to be carried forward 67,121.92
\$163,121.92

The Dividend will be paid in Taels at Exchange 74. \$12 @ Ex. 74 = Taels 8.88 per Share.

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1899.

The Net Premium earned during 1899, after deducting Return Premium, Re-insurance Premium, etc., amounting to \$704,035.99, against \$595,944.99 during 1898, and the Account shows a balance at Credit of \$3,347,245 on the 30th December last. The Directors recommend transferring \$34,000.00 to the Credit of Reserve Fund. The account will then stand as follows:—

In addition to the Claims and Losses paid during the year, which amount to \$271,053.89 (equal to 38.47% of the Net Premium), there are Claims pending on known losses and casualties which are estimated at about \$160,000.

In addition to the Claims and Losses paid during the year, which amount to \$271,052.89 (equal to 38.47% of the Net Premium), there are Claims pending on known losses and casualties which are estimated at about \$100,000.

EXCHANGE AND INVESTMENT FLUCTUATION ACCOUNT.

Owing principally to the depreciation at the end of 1899 of all the Association's Sterling Investments, this account has been reduced by \$16,768.13 and now amounts to \$2,269,668.86. Sterling Exchange has been taken at 25.84d. per Tael (the Demand Rate on 30th December, 1899), and the relative value between Dollars and Taels at 73.

INVESTMENTS.

The value on 30th December last has been taken for all the association's investments.

By order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. JACKSON,
Secretary.

Shanghai, 26th March, 1900.

SERIOUS OUTRAGE AT WOOSUNG.

SHANGHAI, April 4th.

Yesterday morning at about 2 o'clock a band of some ten men entered a pointsman's house on the Shanghai-Woosung railway at the latter Station, and stole a wooden box containing \$55 in Mexican and a quantity of clothing, in doing which two men who were in the house at the time were wounded with knives whilst struggling to retain their property. One man was injured on the arms, shoulder, and head with a knife, the other sustaining internal injury by a blow on the chest. The robbers got away with their booty and attacked a crossing-keeper's house at Chingwang where they murdered a man. It would seem that the spoil was divided at this last place, as the empty wooden box which had contained the \$55 was found by the side of the murdered man, who it is supposed was one of the gang, but having probably raised some objection to the way the spoil was to be divided, was promptly dispatched. The two men wounded at the Woosung terminus were sent by the first morning train to the Shantung Road Hospital, where their wounds, though not of a very serious nature, will necessitate a stay of about a month or six weeks. The robbers it is surmised are some disbanded soldiers.—*N. C. D. News.*

A TALE OF THE CHINESE IMPERIAL POST.

A correspondent travelling inland writes as follows:—"I had arranged for my mail to be forwarded to the C. I. P. O. at A, as I expected to remain there a few days. In order to reach A, and a few other post offices further inland, the mail is sent from Port to B by a little steamer which has begun to run since the new inland Navigation regulations came into force. The C. I. P. Office at B is thus a link of some importance in the chain of inland postal communications in this province. It is in charge of a Chinese clerk, with some little knowledge of English, and from its establishment until the time of my visit had not been inspected by any European official. On the way towards A, I passed through B, arriving there on Monday afternoon. In the evening I called at the post office, finding only a coolie in charge, the clerk having gone to A, some twenty miles away, on private business, but he was expected back that day or the next. Half a dozen bags of mail had arrived during the day, but could not be opened until the clerk returned. On Tuesday I called again, and found the clerk in post. He informed me he had a bag of mail for A, but as it was closed and addressed to the office, there he could not say whether it contained anything for me, but the bag would be forwarded at once to A. That afternoon (Tuesday) I resumed my journey, arriving at A the same night, expecting of course to find the mail bag which I had seen the evening before at B had already been delivered. However, it did not reach A until the following Friday. It had not rained, nor can I suggest any cause for the delay. That a Chinese clerk should be left in charge of an office where mails are transferred must be due either to the feebleness of the postal staff, or to the weakness of the postal staff. But when a European officer is not available, frequent and unheeded inspection should surely be the irreducible minimum, the more that the C. I. P. O. disclaims responsibility for registered letters and parcels whilst in course of transmission inland.—*N. C. D. News.*

THE EXPECTED VISIT OF THE EMPEROR TO KOBE.

March 31st.

We understand that no official intimation has yet been received in Kobe of the reported visit of the Emperor to Kobe for the purpose of reviewing the warships at present engaged in the Manoeuvres. The reports of His Imperial Majesty's proposed visit came from Tokio and nothing is known in official circles in Kobe. The *Japan Mail* of yesterday says:—"The great naval review will take place in the waters off Kobe harbour toward the end of April or early in May next when the naval manoeuvres now begun will have been brought to a conclusion. The evolution will be taken part in by nearly all the warships, over 40 in all, and by the torpedo boats; so that the display alone will be as magnificent as it could well be. His Majesty the Emperor will probably honour the occasion with his presence."

FOREIGN SETTLEMENTS IN CHINA.

March 28th.

The Foreign Settlements in China are now presenting a curious object to the Peking Government. They may be said to be the nurseries of sedition. There is obviously some rebellious organization in China at present. We have no means of knowing what its dimensions are. It may be formidable or it may be contemptible. As to its existence, however, no doubt can be entertained. This organization has addressed more than one circular letter to foreign newspapers published in the Settlements, as well as in the adjacent colonies, and the document, though out-spokenly seditious, has been published verbatim by the journals receiving it. Further, some of the leaders of the seditious movement have found asylum within the limits of the Foreign Settlements, and the Chinese Authorities are powerless to effect their arrest without consular warrants which cannot be obtained. Thus, in a word, the Settlements and the adjacent colonies not only offer a safe refuge to Chinese subjects plotting against the Chinese Government, but also supply public organs for the ventilation of the plotters' ideas. It happens that we are all in sympathy with the plotters. The ends they have in view would greatly benefit their country. They are, in fact, endeavouring to obtain the practical recognition of principles which Occidental peoples endorse heartily and have long advocated as essential to China's well-being. But in the eyes of Chinese officialdom, they are simply rebels, radical, pestiferous agitators whose apprehension and punishment are most desirable in the interests of public peace. The Chinese Government, therefore, must find in the events of the time a new reason for regretting that foreign intercourse was ever forced upon the country. We dare say, also, that at persons like the present rulers of the Middle Kingdom with heartily that neither a Confucius nor a Mencius had existed. For Confucius constructively, and Mencius in the least equivocal terms, laid down the doctrine that a monarch's only title to hold power is based on his usefulness to his subjects, and that these have an inalienable right to depose him so soon as his acts and omissions are seen to injure to public interest. There must be thousands upon thousands of devout Confucianists in China who are fully persuaded that to join a movement for the overthrow of the Empress Dowager would be in accordance with the highest moral law, and it cannot be imagined that this conception is weakened by the epithets which certain foreign local journals apply to the Imperial lady.—*Japan Mail.*

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Intimations.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF AND GODOWN
CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 2, Connaught Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of April, 1900, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon when the SUB-JOINED RESOLUTIONS will be proposed.

Should the said Resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS to a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY MEETING which will be subsequently convened.

1.—That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 by the creation of 10,000 New Shares of \$50 each.

2.—That such New Shares be issued at a Premium of \$25 per Share and be allotted to the Shareholders of the Company in the proportion of One New Share for every Two Shares now held by them.

3.—That the Amount due for the New Shares be called up as follows, viz:—

\$50 per Share on the 1st July, 1900, to rank for Six months Dividend out of the Profits of the Year 1900, and the remaining \$25 per Share on the 1st October, 1900.

Dated the 29th March, 1900.
By Order of the Board,
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the above Company, held at the Registered Office of the Company, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the Twenty-Seventh day of March, 1900, the following RESOLUTIONS were passed:

1.—That in pursuance of the Provisions of the Special Resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 7th and confirmed on the 27th March instant, and since duly registered, the Sum of \$1,750,000 be withdrawn from the Reserved Fund and be carried as of the 2nd July next, to the Credit of Capital Account, each Share being credited with a Sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in addition to the Sum of \$50 now standing to the credit of each Share.

2.—That the Balance of \$25 per Share of the Unpaid Capital of the Company be called up, and that a CALL be and is hereby made of \$25 per Share upon all Shares of the Company, and that the Shareholders be requested to pay the same, to the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, on or before the 2nd day of July, A.D. 1900.

Shareholders are hereby requested to pay according.

And Notice is also given that, in accordance with Article 34 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged as from the said 2nd day of July, 1900, at the Rate of 12 per cent. per Annum upon all Calls remaining Unpaid after the 6th day of July, 1900, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

By Order of the Board,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Company's Hotel on TUESDAY, the 24th April, 1900, at 12 O'clock (NOON), when the Subjoined Resolution which was passed at the extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 27th day of March, 1900, will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution.

"That the New regulations already approved by this meeting, and for the purpose of 'identification' subscribed by the Chairman 'thereto, be, and the same are, hereby approved, 'and that such regulations be, and the same 'are, hereby adopted as the regulations of the 'Company to the exclusion of all the existing 'regulations thereto'."

A copy of the proposed new regulations may be seen at the Company's Office, and can be obtained by application to the Under-Signed.

Dated Hongkong, the 2nd day of April, 1900.
By Order of the Board,
G. MOONEY,
Secretary.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND
MORTGAGE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND INSTALLMENT of \$5 per Share in respect of the 50,000 New Shares has been called up and Holders of such Shares who have not already paid this installment are requested to pay the Amount of such CALL to the Under-Signed at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central, on or before the 30th April, 1900.

Dated the 27th March, 1900.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP NUMBER 240 for 15 SHARES of the Company, numbered 28904/28918, in the name of PAUL JORDAN, Esquire, of Hongkong, having been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will be issued after One Month from the Date hereof, and the Original Scrip will be considered by the Company as Null and Void, and all persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating the same.

By Order,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.

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By Order,
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1900. [499b]

Intimations.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875 the Undermentioned Banks will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on GOOD FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and EASTER MONDAY, the 13th, 14th, and 16th instant respectively.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,
D. W. GILMOUR,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
H. M. BEVIS,
Acting Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, Hongkong Agency,
L. BERINDOAGUE,
Acting Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, HONGKONG,
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,
S. CHOH,
Manager.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA,
E. W. RUTTER,
Acting Manager.

For the DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK,
F. URBIG,
Manager.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1900. [463b]

INSURANCE HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on FRIDAY, the 13th instant, (Good Friday), and on MONDAY, the 16th instant, (Easter Monday).

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

For the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LD.,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.

For the NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.,
W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent.

For the CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED,
H. P. WADMAN,
Acting Secretary.

For the YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED,
SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

For the CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.,
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [467b]

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

THE "CHEONG FAT" FERRY CO., LIMITED.

Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances, whereby the Liability of each Shareholder is limited to the Amount of his Shares.

CAPITAL \$100,000

In 4,000 fully paid up Shares of \$25 each of which 1,000 Shares will be offered for Subscription.

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For Forms of Application, apply to the General Managers.

Board of Directors:

Mr. LOO KOON-TING of Kwong Wing Sang Firm.

Mr. CHAN KAI-MING of Oupin Farm.

Mr. HU SHUN-CHUN of Oupin Farm.

Mr. TAN TZE-KONG of Chai On Insurance Co., Ltd.

Mr. CHAN HE-WAN of Chai On Insurance Co., Ltd.

Mr. LAI SIU-TUNG of Tin Shing Shop.

Mr. YUNG CHOW-PONG of Deutsch Asiatische Bank.

Mr. TO YING-TING of Lauts, Wegener & Co.

Mr. J. T. LAUTS of Lauts, Wegener & Co.

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THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Solicitors:

Messrs. JOHNSTON, STOKES AND MASTER.

General Managers:

Messrs. LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.

The Company has been formed for the purpose of carrying passengers between Hongkong and Yau Ma Tei and such other places as may from time to time appear to promise satisfactory results and assist in meeting the demands of the growing passenger traffic from and to Hongkong and the East and West River of Canton.

Arrangements have been made to commence business at once with a Ferry Service between Yau Ma Tei and Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1900. [447b]

SANITARY BOARD.

OWNERS of HOUSES situated in the Central Division of the City of Victoria, and in the Western Division of Kowloon, who have not had their Premises LIMEWASHED and CLEANSED in accordance with Law, are reminded that the period during which the work should be finished ends on the 30th day of April, 1900, and the Sanitary Board being convinced of the necessity of Cleanliness in its efforts to Stamp out Plague, is determined to rigorously prosecute any owner in default after the above-named Date.

The Central Division of the City lies between Garden Road on the East, and Morrison Street and East Street on the West. The Western Division of Kowloon is all that part of the Kowloon Peninsula to the West of Robinson Road, and includes Tsim Sha Tsui, Yau Ma Tei, Mong Kok Tsui, Tai Kok Tsui and Sham Shui Po.

By Order of the Sanitary Board,
C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1900. [310b]

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
HAKATA MARU	Kobe and YOKOHAMA	To-morrow, 11th April, at 4 P.M.
KAWACHI MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	FRIDAY, 13th April, at Daylight.
* KINSHU MARU	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via AMOY, SHANGHAI, Kobe and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 20th April, at Daylight.
KASUGA MARU	NAGASAKI, Kobe and YOKOHAMA	SATURDAY, 21st April, at Noon.
MIKE MARU	MOJI, Kobe and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 24th April, at Noon.
MIKAWA MARU	SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO and NAGASAKI	TUESDAY, 24th April, at 4 P.M.
YAWATA MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 27th April, at 4 P.M.
BINGO MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON, NEWCASTLE ON-TYNE, and ANTWERP, via STRAITS, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 27th April, at Daylight.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chater Road.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. A. S. MIHARA, Manager. [6]

NORDEUTSCHER

LLOYD.

(Freight Service.)
(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA; PORTS IN THE LEVANT; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

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BAMBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 20th May. Freight.
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U.S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Saturday, 14th April, at Noon.
HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 8th May, at Noon.
NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Thursday, 31st May, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

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will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, Kobe, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 14th April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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C. L. GORHAM, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1900. [7]



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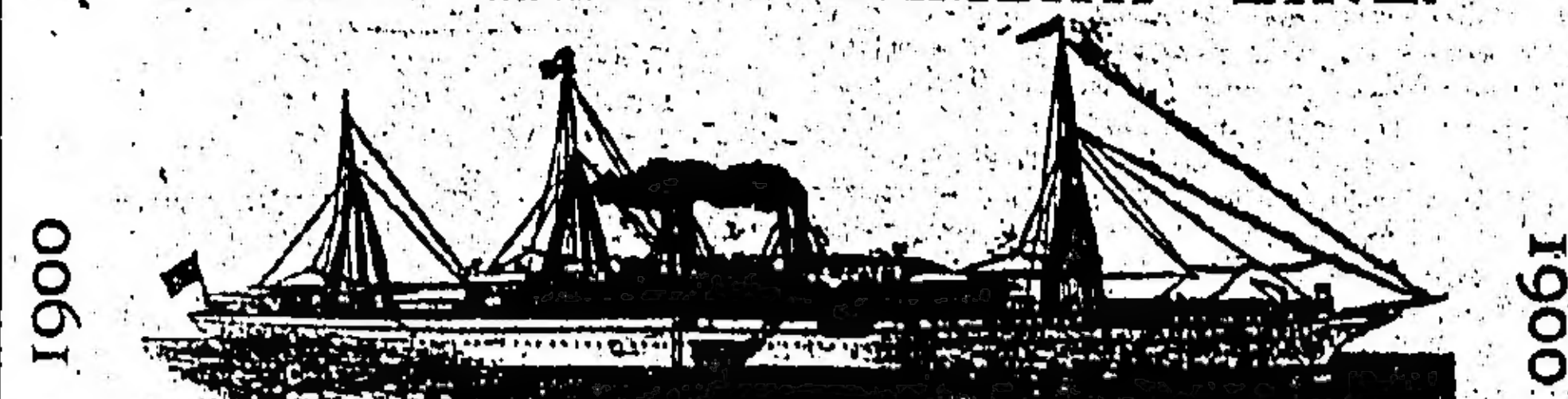
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 25th April.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 16th May.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 6th June.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

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The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

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Hongkong, 14th March, 1900.

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
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SAN FRANCISCO;
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS,
and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, &c.

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THE RESERVES.

The special correspondent of the *British Medical Journal*, writing from Cape Town, Feb. 7th says—

"It is becoming evident that the reserves and militia are, from a physical point of view, somewhat disappointing. One has always held the view that, whatever might be the case with regard to the militia, the reservists would be of superior physique to the man with the colours. Transport after transport tells us a different tale. It is perfectly true that the average reservist is a better-developed man than his comrade with the colours, but it is unfortunately true that both reservists and militiamen contain a very large number of 'home ducks,' hopelessly incapable of going to the front. The percentage who are being landed here and sent to the station hospital, with the immediate result of being marked for re-drafting to England, is far greater than would have been the case had an efficient system of inspection been adopted on your side. . . . From the object lessons one is seeing here it is quite evident that the examinations at home have been conducted either by men who do not understand military requirements or by men who were so pressed for time that they had to run through the work at a speed which does not permit thorough investigation." Certainly, there does not appear to have been a very satisfactory examination of the men before leaving England; but it would surely pay better to employ more men, or more efficient men, to inspect troops before their departure, than to take up valuable space on transports and in hospitals with men who are never likely to be of any service, but rather a hindrance.

MOSTLY PERSONAL.

(From Our Exchanges.)

Dr. Manson Decorated.

The Queen held an investiture of the Orders of St. Michael and St. George, the Bath, and the Indian Empire at Windsor Castle on 1st March. Amongst those invested by Her Majesty with the medal ceremony was Dr. Patrick Manson, M.D., Medical Adviser to the Colonial Office.

The Cambridge Local.

The only name connected with the Far East appearing in the lists of successful candidates at the Cambridge Local Examinations in December is that of D. Southill, China (Walthamstow Hall, Sevenoaks), in the list of junior girls who are in the Second Class.

Naval Appointments.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty—Surgeon J. W. V. Stanton, for medical charge on voyage to Hongkong, China, undated. Captain—Lewis E. Wirtz, to the *Gallathea*, to date March 27. Lieutenant—H. D. Wilkin, to the *Gallathea*, for the *Oiler*, in command, temporary, for voyage to China, to date March 27.

News of Andre.

A bottle containing a card purporting to be from Herr Andre has been picked up on the beach of the Island of North Ronaldshay, Orkney. One card was numbered "83" dated 1898, and addressed to the Arctic Exploration Company, Gothenburg, with a request to the finder to post it, which has been done.

Chocolate Armour.

The Queen is to have one of her chocolate boxes back. It is damaged. It was none the less appreciated by its receiver, and it comes back as no spoiled gift, for it was the sweetest chocolate ever. Private Humphrey had. It was his life that the Queen gave him in that box, and the box itself, now embedded in it, will give her Majesty a demonstration of the fact. . . . Both in fiction and in the true story of the fortunes of war, it has been the soldier's Bible that has stopped the bullet and saved his life. There is now a competitive charm and armour plate—the chocolate box.

Lord Rosebery's Obed.

In the course of a letter by Lord Rosebery to the Scottish Liberal Association and the Midlothian Liberal Association in connection with his resignation of the Presidency of those bodies Lord Rosebery remarks: "Though I now resume duties of nominal office, it is, I beg you to believe, in no way inconsistent with the principles which have guided my past life from its political commencement. Liberalism at home and the maintenance of our free, unaggressive, tolerant Empire abroad—in a word, the large and efficient development of our nation on Liberal lines both within and outside these islands—this always has been and must be my creed, whether in public or private life."

Her Majesty Abandons Her Visit to Italy.

With the lofty and unselfish sense of duty to her people which has marked every portion of her long and glorious reign Her Majesty the Queen has decided to abandon her projected visit to the Italian Riviera in the present state of public affairs. The sacrifice is not small. The Queen is a devoted and ardent lover of subjects by the vigour and resolution with which she has laboured during these trying months. At an age when to many persons both sexes the study of their own health and comfort has become paramount to all other considerations, she has freely risked the one and sacrificed the other in the public interest. The visit she made to Netley Hospital only the other day, when she was at the pains to manifest her personal concern in each of the 500 patients in that institution, is but one instance out of very many in which she has undergone exertions and fatigues from which men and women younger than she might well have shrunk. The promptitude with which she has sent messages of condolence, of encouragement, and of congratulation, not merely to her soldiers at the seat of war, but to those more particularly concerned in the incidents of that eventful drama in all parts of the Empire, and the unflinching assiduity with which she has followed the situation in all its shifting aspects from day to day.

Lord Pauncefoot.

Lord Salisbury's decision to prolong Lord Pauncefoot's tenure of the Embassy at Washington, at least until the year has come to an end, will, says a London contemporary, please everybody, including even the Diplomatic Service. . . . To the Americans Lord Pauncefoot's stay among them will be acceptable because he has achieved the feat of making himself popular with a success for which there is no precedent since the first British Minister was accredited to the Government of the United States a century and a quarter ago. To us his continued tenure of office is acceptable, because he has pleased the Americans, and it is highly desirable from a business point of view, as well as grateful to our feelings, that they should continue to be pleased. To

promote cordial relations between the people from which, and the people to which he is sent is the object of a diplomatic agent is, in theory, bound to keep in view. When he has done it under circumstances of extreme difficulty there are obvious reasons why he should not be removed. Even within the Diplomatic Service itself, where the great questions of changes and promotions have a natural interest, there must at least be cheerful resignation to the prolongation of Lord Pauncefoot's tenure of the post. . . . No diplomatist, certainly no prudent diplomatist, can wish to go to the United States on the very eve of a Presidential Election, when a little army of clever fellows will be on the watch to see whether it is not possible to make electioneering capital out of the British Ambassador.

THE FAR EAST IN PARLIAMENT.

WEI-HAI-WEI.

On 2nd March, in the course of the debate on the Navy Estimates, Sir J. Colborne asked, with reference to the sum of £13,000 for Wei-hai-wei, what was the real policy of the Admiralty with reference to this port. He repeated his own opinion that only two courses were possible—either to make it a Gibraltar or to spend no more money than was necessary to make it into a coal store. He saw no half-way between these two positions.

Admiral Field said he was glad to find that Wei-hai-wei was to receive an expenditure of £13,000. It was recognised as an important secondary base, and for the protection of the harbour from torpedo-boats at night there should be a short inner breakwater with opening. He approved of the coal depot at Falkland Islands, and would like to hear what progress was being made with the Hongkong dock, and if anything had been done towards establishing docks at Jamnata and Singapore.

Captain Sinclair also desired information as to works at Wei-hai-wei.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain dealt in turn with the various questions raised on points of detail. In reference to Wei-hai-wei, he could add little to the statements made last year. Length of time for communication on details was one difficulty, and work there had to be undertaken after conference with military authorities, and recent events had left those authorities little opportunity for such conference. (Hear.)

He was asked what they had done up to the present. They had sent out a dredger from Malta which was steadily at work deepening the harbour to a depth of 30 ft. A further small sum, probably between £300 and £400, was being expended at the discretion of the commander-in-chief in repairs to the pier, office accommodation, and fitting Chinese shops for the reception of machinery. The report of the year's work was not yet ready.

TRADE ON THE WEST RIVER.

(5th.) Sir C. Dilke asked the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs what progress had been made in China towards the full opening to trade of the West River, and of rivers generally.

Mr. Brodick: It is impossible, within the limits of an answer to a question, to give a complete account of the position, but the Reports from Her Majesty's Consuls, included in the papers now being prepared for Parliament, contain full information on the subject. According to the latest information, trade is steadily increasing on the West River.

RUSSIA AND CENTRAL ASIA.

Mr. Howies asked the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether the Amir of Bokhara had asked Russia for cession of extensive tracts of land in the upper courses of the Oxus, to be used for farming settlements for colonists from European Russia, and had also given permission to Russia to construct military stations for its Central Asian troops, and the right to establish fortified stations on the frontier of Afghanistan.

Mr. Brodick: Her Majesty's Government have received no information to this effect, but it is within the competence of the Amir of Bokhara to make such arrangements as he may deem fit on these points.

EASTERN EXTENSION COMPANY CONCESSIONS.

Mr. Hogan asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies whether he had received protests from the Canadian and New Zealand Governments against the concessions recently granted to the Eastern Extension Company in Australia as being likely to militate seriously against the financial success of the Pacific cable in which the Imperial, the Canadian, and the Australian Governments were joint partners; whether, in view of these protests, it would still be possible to revoke the concessions and prevent any further complications of a like character; and whether he had received a reply to his message to the Australian Government on the subject.

Mr. Chamberlain: I have received protests of the nature described from Canada and New Zealand. I am informed by the Government of New South Wales that the arrangement has yet been concluded with the Eastern Extension Company, though it is aware that the decision of the recent conference of Premiers was generally favourable to the proposals of the company.

THE OPEN DOOR.

(8th.) Mr. J. Walton asked the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether Her Majesty's Government would actively co-operate with the United States Government in the endeavour to arrive at an agreement between the Powers interested in China which would secure equal opportunities for the trade of all nations throughout the Chinese Empire, irrespective of any territorial changes that may take place.

Mr. Brodick: Papers on this subject will shortly be laid before the House.

Mr. J. Walton: Are we to understand that the Government are determined to make no effort?

The Speaker: Order, order. That hardly arises out of the question.

THE OPENING OF NANNING.

Mr. J. Walton inquired whether the opening of Nanning as a treaty port, as announced by Her Majesty's Government early last year, had been carried out; and, if not, what steps were being taken to enforce this; also, whether the Government would insist on the opening of the inland waterways of China in accordance with the agreement under which British ships were to be able to take British goods to every river and town and station.

Mr. Brodick: Her Majesty's Minister at Peking has repeatedly pressed the Chinese Government to carry out the opening of Nanning. They still await the report of the Governor of the province on the arrangements that will be necessary, but have promised Sir C. Macdonald to direct him to send it without delay. The navigation of the inland waters by British vessels has been successfully initiated in various parts of China. The papers shortly to be laid before the House will show that considerable progress has been made. Her Majesty's Minister at Peking will continue to give careful attention to the matter.—*L. & C. Express.*

Mosely Wragge—You've got some egg on yet whiskers. Tufford Knutt—I knowed I didn't seem to be gettin' much of that nig I cut day before yesterday, but I hadn't no idee what had become of it.

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STEAMERS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. THE Company's Steamship

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A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light. A/Z—Return Tickets, issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN S.S. Co. and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 10th April, 1900. [343b]

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FOR MANILA. THE Company's Steamship

"LOONGSANG," Captain Weigall, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 11th instant at 5 P.M. This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 10th April, 1900. [454b]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA. THE Company's Steamship

"KUMSANG," Captain Payne, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 11th instant at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 7th April, 1900. [453b]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN. THE Company's Steamship

"NANCHANG," Captain Finlayson, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 12th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [378b]

THE OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI. THE Company's Steamship

"MAIDZURU MARU," Captain T. Onga, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 15th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to THE MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents. Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [45]

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Steamship

"PATHAN," will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 15th April. For Freight, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents. Hongkong, 7th March, 1900. [132b]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Company's Steamship

"PROMETHEUS," Captain Day, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 17th instant. For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 2nd April, 1900. [425b]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LIVERPOOL (DIRECT). Taking Cargo at London Rates. THE Company's Steamship

"HECTOR," Captain Barr, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 17th instant. For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 5th April, 1900. [371b]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN. THE Company's Steamship

"KWEIYANG," Captain Outerbridge, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 17th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [469b]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR ILOILO AND CEBU. THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA," Captain A. Ramsay, will be despatched for the above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 27th instant. This steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light. A Doctor is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 2nd April, 1900. [468b]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Company's Steamship

"MACHAON," Captain Hannah, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 1st May. For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 20th March, 1900. [411b]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Company's Steamship

"ALCINOUS," Captain Palford, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 15th May. For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [465b]

Consignees.

TOYO RISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship "AMERICA MARU," are hereby notified that their Goods are at their risk being discharged into Lighters and/or landed into our Godowns at Wanchai and delivery may be had either from Lighters or from Godowns, upon countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 8th instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. C. L. GORHAM, Acting Agent. Hongkong, 6th April, 1900. [7]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI. THE Steamship "URANO," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 13th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 13th instant, will be subject to rent. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 6th April, 1900. [457b]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "SIKH," FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents. Hongkong, 7th April, 1900. [4]

EDWARD PERRY AND COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK. THE Company's Steamship "THORDIS," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risks, into the Godowns of The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 14th instant or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 14th instant, at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 18th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 7th April, 1900. [462a]

Notice of Firms.

NOTICE.

MY INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FIRM OF MESSRS. DAVID SASSOON & Co. CEASE FROM THIS DATE. FLORA SOLOMON DAVID SASSOON. Bombay, 16th February, 1900. [413b]

SALAMANDER FIRE INSURANCE CO.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed AGENTS for the above COMPANY, are prepared to accept Risks against FIRE at CURRENT RATES. HOLTZ, SJACOB & Co. Hongkong, 31st March, 1900. [422b]

To be Let.

TO LET.

"HARFORD" MAGAZINE GAP. GROUND FLOOR, 32, PEEL STREET. "THE RETREAT"—MOUNT KELLET. GODOWNS.—Nos. 80a and 82, PRAYA EAST. 5, RIFON TERRACE. Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 23rd March, 1900. [11]

Insurance.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES. SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, 29th May, 1895. [10]

Intimations.

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A COPY of the Local "HANSARD," 1891-2. Address— J. F. Office of This Paper. Hongkong, 10th March, 1900.

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Neither the CAPTAINS, the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crews of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbours:— DIRIGO, Amer. ship, Goodwin—Standard Oil Co. GEO. T. RAY, British ship, Spicer—Siemssen & Co. IRIS, British bark, W. Wright—Siemssen & Co.

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